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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above referenced application kindly amend the
application as follows:

In the Cross-Reference to Related Application:

On page 1, kindly rewrite lines 3-6 as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/564,902 filed May 4, 2000 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Finishing Surfaces" which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/983,396, now U.S. Patent No. 6,074,293, filed April 8, 1998 entitled "Apparatus for Finishing Surfaces" which is a Continuation-In-Part of my copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/510,530 filed August 2, 1995, now abandoned.

In the Abstract:

Kindly include the attached Abstract as part of the application.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 1-25 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Consideration of this application as preliminarily amended is respectfully requested.

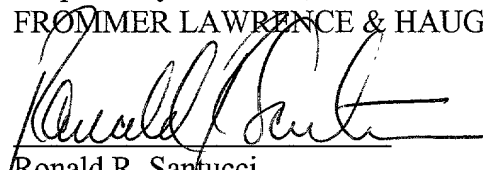
Claims 1-25 have been cancelled. Claims 26-29 remain. No new matter has been added.

Applicant attaches a true copy of the parent application as filed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to
Deposit Account No. 50-0320. Applicant qualifies for small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,
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APPENDIX: (with markings)

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Abstract of the Disclosure

A method is described for surface finishing complex and simple surface shapes by abrasion of selected zones of surface, leaving contiguous zones unfinished.